



Executive Department
State of Idaho

The Office of the Governor
Proclamation

State Capitol
Boise

WHEREAS, entrepreneurship is vital to Idaho's growth and prosperity; and

WHEREAS, most of the new jobs created throughout the United States in the past decade have come from the creative efforts of entrepreneurs and small businesses; and

WHEREAS, according to the U.S. Department of Commerce, more than 2,300 people became independent entrepreneurs daily, joining more than 20 million self-employed in making up more than 75 percent of the nation's 26 million-plus businesses nationwide; and

WHEREAS, the Partnership for 21st Century Skills identified entrepreneurial literacy skills as one of the 21st century content areas critical to success in communities and workplaces; and

WHEREAS, more than 70 percent of young Americans envision starting a business or doing something entrepreneurial as adults; and

WHEREAS, the National Governors Association encourages connecting education to economic growth industries, recognizing that entrepreneurship and small business creation are the growth engines of any economy; and

WHEREAS, a broad coalition of partner organizations in Idaho and throughout the United States are actively engaged in enhancing entrepreneurial opportunities through collaboration and cooperation with the national Consortium for Entrepreneurship Education; and

WHEREAS, encouraging youth to be excited about entrepreneurship and working to expand the knowledge, skills and attitudes of Idaho's youth and adults to be successful entrepreneurs are crucial to the long-term growth of local communities, the state and the nation; and

WHEREAS, Idaho's professional-technical student organizations offer an array of programs, activities and competitive events focused on entrepreneurship; and

WHEREAS, the United States House of Representatives resolved to recognize an annual National Entrepreneurship Week that this year runs February 16-23; and

WHEREAS, National Entrepreneurship Week provides an opportunity to focus on the innovative ways in which entrepreneurship education can bring together the core academic, technical and problem-solving skills essential for future entrepreneurs and successful workers in future workplaces;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, C.L. "BUTCH" OTTER, Governor of the State of Idaho, do hereby proclaim February 16-23, 2013, to be

ENTREPRENEURSHIP WEEK

in Idaho.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Idaho at the Capitol in Boise on this 16th day of February in the year of our Lord two thousand and thirteen and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred thirty-seventh and of the Statehood of Idaho the one hundred twenty third.

C.L. "BUTCH" OTTER
GOVERNOR

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SECRETARY OF STATE